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The safety, efficacy and availability of medications are always a concern for the Hispanic community of providers and the consumers we serve. The cost of access to affordable medications is an issue for all of us. However, considering that there are still many questions to be answered around this issue perhaps, the most important, given the current infrastructure - we question how "wise" it is to remedy the problem by importating drugs from Canada and other countries. Can we insure that these products will meet the safety and quality that we in this country have taken for granted? As health care providers we believe that "we must first do no harm" , and as nurses, we cannot support a plan that may violate this credo.